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SUBJECT: GOS INTEREST IN IDEA OF MALTESE NEUTRALITY

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS (DEL PINO) HAS ASKED US FOR
WHATEVER INFORMATION AND REACTION WE MIGHT HAVE WITH REGARD
TO THE IDEA (WHICH HE ASCRIBED TO DOM MINTOFF) THAT THE
NEUTRALITY OF MALTA MIGHT BE GUARANTEED BY THIRD COUNTRIES.
ACCORDING TO DEL PINO, THE FRG, ITALY, LIBYA AND THE US
HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THIS INITIATIVE OF MINTOFF'S AND
THE IDEA HAS BEEN RAISED WITH SPAIN'S NEWLY ACCREDITED
AMBASSADOR TO MALTA.

2. SINCE THIS COULD HAVE A BEARING ON THE POSITION THE
GOS TAKES AT THE BELGRADE CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE ON THIS
ISSUE, PRESUMING IT ARISES THERE, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE AS
WELL-ARMED AS POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH IT. PLEASE ADVISE.
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